

# Do You Know About The New Boiler Inspection Law?

*HSB Can Help Owners Comply — At No Extra Charge*



The South Carolina Legislature passed a law in 2005 that requires most commercial facilities to have their boilers registered and inspected. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is drafting regulations it plans to implement in 2006. That means boiler owners may have to arrange for periodic jurisdictional inspections to certify that their equipment meets the state code. But how do they do that? And how much will it cost? The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company can help them comply — without any charge in addition to the insurance premium.

## WHY IS AN INSPECTION REQUIRED?

With the new law, South Carolina is the 50th state to have regulations concerning periodic jurisdictional inspections of boilers and/or pressure vessels. This system is intended to help prevent potentially serious accidents. The inspections may be performed by inspectors for an insurer that is authorized to write equipment breakdown insurance in South Carolina.

## WILL IT COST MONEY?

Since Hartford Steam Boiler includes jurisdictional inspections as part of our standard insurance coverage, there is no additional fee. That saves money for the policyholder, and we maintain a field staff of qualified inspectors to help boiler owners meet their obligation. There will be a charge by the

state for the registration. Unlike HSB, some insurance companies charge extra for an inspection. Private contractors who provide inspections charge a fee for the service but do not include insurance coverage. By including jurisdictional inspections at no extra cost, Hartford Steam Boiler makes purchasing equipment breakdown insurance an even better value.

## WHO NEEDS A BOILER INSPECTION?

The new law requires inspections of boilers in a range of locations, including schools, churches, hospitals and office buildings. The boilers are widely used for common functions such as heating and hot water. Hartford Steam Boiler is using its insurance data to help identify equipment that needs periodic jurisdictional inspections. But since this is a new law, we may not have information on all our insureds' boilers. If you are not sure about your inspection obligation, call us at the toll-free number listed below.

## HSB OFFERS SUPERIOR SERVICE

Hartford Steam Boiler offers jurisdictional inspection service that is backed by experience and knowledge gained since our founding in 1866. We take our work seriously, we have since the beginning, when HSB helped set early standards for steam boilers and began performing jurisdictional inspections. Our inspectors are commissioned by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. HSB inspectors average 12 years of experience with our company and many have worked with boilers in industry and the U.S. armed forces.

## WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Any customer insured by Hartford Steam Boiler who knows they need an inspection, or suspects they might, can call the HSB Inspection Hotline toll-free at 1-800-333-4677 to request one. We will dispatch an inspector to look at a boiler, even if they are not sure it is subject to the new law. You also can call the South Carolina Department of Labor at 803-896-4613 or you can send e-mail inquiries to [gallowar@mail.llr.state.sc.us](mailto:gallowar@mail.llr.state.sc.us).



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